MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): If people with higher qualifications than Sastri Test are available, naturally they would be preferred.

Bridges in the Tiruvalla Taluk.

111 *MR. N. E. VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the names of the several bridges proposed to be constructed in the Tiruvalla taluk;

(*b*) the different stages at which they stand; and

(*c*) the amount spent on each of them?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): (*a*) to (*c*) A *statement containing the information is laid on the table.

MR. N. E. VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*): Has the Chief Engineer inspected the roads concerned?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): I believe I have.

MR. N. E. VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*): May I know whether there is any possibility of reducing the estimate?

PRESIDENT: That relates to future action.

Schools closed by the Director.

112. *MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara I*): Will the Government be pleased to state which are the schools, departmental and non-departmental, closed by orders of the Director during 1108, 1109 and 1110 and what are the reasons therefor?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): A ‡statement containing the information asked for is laid on the table.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara I*): May I know whether the schools which were closed down for want of accommodation were so closed down after taking all possible steps to see whether more accommodation could not be provided?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Yes, Sir; invariably.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara I*): Were all these schools inspected by the Director before they were closed down?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): No, Sir not by the Director. All of them have been inspected by the Assistant Inspectors concerned. Some of them have been inspected by the Divisional Inspectors also.

Breach in the road near Anappad Bridge.

113. *MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara I*): Will the Government be pleased to state, with reference to a long breach in the road near the Anappad bridge in Marukil *pakuthi*, Neyyattinkara taluk:

(*a*) whether they have or the Chief Engineer has received any report regarding the necessity to close it up and improve the road;

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[Mr, N. K. Krishna Pillai.]

(*b*) whether they have seen an interpellation from me sent for answering in a previous meeting of the Assembly regarding the same ; and

(*c*) whether they have or the P. W. D. has taken any action in the matter and, if so, what ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Yes. An estimate received by the Chief Engineer is under scrutiny in his office.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara I*) : May I know when this breach occurred ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer. Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : At the end of 1108.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara I*) : Did not the Executive Engineer recommend that this was a very urgent work ?

PRESIDENT : That is furnishing information. You can ask whether any recommendation on the matter was made by the Executive Engineer.

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : I have no information on that matter, Sir.

The Temporary Munsiff's Court at Nedumangad.

114. * **MR. S. J. NAIR** (*Nedumangad*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) when the Court was first started ·

(*b*) whether they will be pleased to lay on the table an year-war statement of the original as well as small cause suits, filed in the Court from the year it was started up to the end of 1110 M. E. ;

(*c*) how many cases, original as well as small cause suits, were filed in the Court in the year 1110 M. E. ; and

(*d*) the area of the taluk and its population ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) :

(*a*) 1-7-1103.

(*b*) and (*c*) The *statement is laid on the table.

(*c*) The member is referred to the Census Report

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know from the Government whether there is sufficient work for the Munsiff's Court at Nedumangad ?

SADASYA TILAKAN T. K VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Urban*) : I rise to a point of order whether the word 'sufficient' is not a matter of opinion.

MR S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know whether there is work to justify the continuance of the Munsiff's Court at Nedumangad?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*) : Sir, I rise to a point of order. The same supplementary question was asked some days ago. I want to know whether the member can be permitted to repeat the same question on a subsequent day.

* *Vide* Appendix ix.

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